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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2287.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 19, to December 31, both days inclusive.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 10, 1914.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2288.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, 1914, and on Friday, January 1, 1915.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1914.

AT the meeting of the Electricity Committee held on Thursday, December 10, 1914, at 5 o'clock p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. A. W. Burkill (*Chairman*)
C. M. Bain
F. A. Fairchild
G. Wuilleumier

Absent:

Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 7 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Permanent Education Committee held on Friday, December 11, 1914, at 5 o'clock p.m., there were:—

Present:

Rev. Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott (*Chairman*)
" " G. H. Bondfield
" A. J. Walker

Absent: Dr. R. S. Ivy
Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Parks Committee held on Tuesday, December 15, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. Jenner Hogg (*Chairman*)
P. Peebles

Absent: Rev. Brother Faust

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee held on Tuesday, December 15, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Rev. Dr. G. H. Bondfield (*Chairman*)
" A. J. Walker
" C. J. F. Symons
Mrs. Bondfield
" Hodges
" Merriman
" Walker
Mr. H. Hanbury

Absent:

Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 16, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
C. E. Anton
E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman

Absent:

Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. L. J. C. von Zeppelin Obermuller, Consul-General for the Netherlands, informs the Council that he resumed charge of the Consulate-General on December 12.

A letter from Mr. P. T. Raaschou, Consul-General for Denmark, and Senior Consul, informs the Council that he has handed over the duties of doyen of the Consular Body to Mr. L. J. C. von Zeppelin Obermuller, Consul-General for the Netherlands, with effect from December 14.

Volunteer Corps.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following commissions have been issued:—

"*The Shanghai Scottish*" *Company.*—

Mr. C. H. Rutherford as Captain.
Mr. G. L. Campbell as 2nd Lieut.

Italian Company.—

Mr. M. D. Varalda as Captain.
Mr. M. Commencini as 2nd Lieut.

Customs Company.—

Mr. R. H. R. Wade as Captain.

Armed Robberies.

Correspondence with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce:—

Translation of letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Council, November 30, 1914.

This year the number of persons in the Settlement has very largely increased and the number of bad characters has increased likewise. Cases of theft and robbery and wounding are accordingly constantly heard of and the merchants residing in the Settlement are all alarmed. During recent days the Chuan Chang diamond shop in Yunnan Road, the Ta Hsin Chang foreign goods shop in Markham Road, the Lien Ta cash shop in Fokien Road and the Lun Yu cash shop in the Sungkiang Road have been robbed one after another according to statements in the newspapers, which are probably not false. The merchants of the several trades have all come to this Chamber and expostulated in the following vein:—

"This year the violent conduct of desperadoes is such as never has been before: all for the reason that after the commission of the offence they are not sought out and arrested with severity, but saunter at large as if beyond the law, and consequently act with indiscriminate boldness to the injury of shops in the street. You should have long since begged the Municipal Council genuinely to give effect to measures for tranquilising the locality and protecting public peace: your public duty is involved: and we think the Municipal Council can also not pass on responsibility. The audacity of these bad characters is daily becoming more fierce; and even in busy places thefts and robberies incessantly occur. If the Chamber of Commerce still keeps silence, upon what can the merchants depend?"

They have severally and pressingly requested the Chamber to communicate this. It is to be observed that of late the number of cases of crime by bad characters is indeed such as to occasion misgiving. The Chamber is well aware that the Council, bearing responsibility for public order, will consequently not permit that merchants in the Settlement shall be constantly in a state of alarm. There are indeed very many bad characters about the place, and if the stream flows undammed it will become a river.

The Chamber of Commerce is the representative of all the merchants and cannot but earnestly press and request that the offenders in the previous cases be quickly sought out, arrested, and most severely punished; so that bad characters will retreat and the locality will be at peace; whereby we shall very much appreciate the Council's public spirit.

With an expression of distinguished consideration.

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Council Room,

Shanghai, December 16, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of November 30 on the subject of certain armed robberies which have occurred in the Foreign Settlement of late.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the Police Force is applying earnest attention to the work of preventing crimes of this nature and detecting and capturing the offenders. The results of their recent efforts have, in the Council's opinion, been quite satisfactory; between January 1 and November 30 this year, 114 reports of robbery have been investigated in connexion with which 89 persons have been arrested and convicted; of whom 33 have been handed over to the Chinese Authorities and 11 of these have already been executed. You may be confident that no pains will be spared to bring all the offenders to justice.

The work of the Council's Detective Branch is indeed more successful than the Chinese community can realise; it sometimes appears to be slow, for the results are generally the outcome of patient and laborious investigation; they are retarded by the inherent difficulties of its position, environed on all sides by other administrations; and too often the satisfactory issue attracts but little public notice, because it follows after the lapse of a few months, when the circumstances of the crime are no longer fresh in the public mind.

The Council has always predicted the prevalence of crimes of violence as the principal danger of ceasing, in the Foreign Settlement alone, the infliction of the ancient punishment of the bamboo, which has so long been looked upon by the criminal classes as inseparable from the ordinary routine of justice. This was pointed out in the Council's answer to the Consular Body of April 14, 1909, in connexion with a previous communication of the Chamber in the same vein as that under reply. This form of punishment is the generally recognised and indispensable means of preventing crimes of robbery with violence; and your letters forcibly illustrate how unfortunate it is that the Mixed Court ever undertook its experimental cessation. In the Foreign Settlement such crimes have since been visited merely with imprisonment, for which criminals have openly declared their indifference; in the Chinese City corporal punishment even for minor offences, remains generally in vogue. In the Council's opinion, the reason for the frequency of incidents such as those to which you refer, is to be found solely in this anomaly.

I am directed to draw your especial attention to this point, in order that the Chamber may give its influential support to the representations which the Council has repeatedly made with a view to the re-introduction of the use of the bamboo at the Mixed Court.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

The CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Szechuen Road.—The question of the compensation payable in respect of that portion of Lot 79 which lies within the Szechuen Road will be referred to the Land Commission in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, September 18, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—You are doubtless aware that I recently purchased Cadastral Lot No. 79 Central, and that under an agreement between the Council and the late Robert Francis and dated December 16, 1881, the latter agreed to let to the former at a rental of Taels 150 per annum, a portion of the aforesaid lot measuring Mow 0.185 and which said portion is now merged into the Szechuen Road.

That agreement expired on October 31, 1901, but the Council has been in possession of and paid rent for the aforesaid portion until October 31, 1914.

I am now prepared to sell to the Council the piece above alluded to at its assessed value plus 10 per cent. or in all for the sum of Nine thousand One hundred and fifty-seven Taels five Mace (Tls. 9,157.50), to be paid me upon my signing the usual surrender deed.

Yours faithfully,

S. A. HARDOON.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 12, 1914.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18, on the subject of the portion of Lot 79 which has been included in the Szechuen Road, under lease to the Council, for the past 33 years.

In reply thereto I am to state that even were the case an ordinary one of widening the Szechuen Road at the present time the Council would be unwilling to comply with your demand for the assessed value owing to the marked benefit which the Szechuen Road frontage has brought to this large property. You will observe had the strip not been leased by the Council the width of the road at the south end of the lot would be no more than 22 feet. The betterment which has been due to the lease, and of which the property has enjoyed the benefit for more than thirty years, is so great that the Council would only have been willing to pay nominal compensation for the surrender.

The lease was for 20 years at Tls.150 per annum, and was, as you are aware, comprised in correspondence which took place in 1881 between the Council and Mr. R. Francis, and (I quote from the Council's letter of December 16, 1881) it was understood that if the owners agreed to sell to the Council the strip of land at any time before expiry of the lease, the rate of purchase should be Tls. 6,000 per mow. In 1903 the Council entered into negotiations with Mr. E. Jenner Hogg, then agent for the owner, and expressed readiness to purchase the strip. Mr. Hogg, however, preferred that the annual rental should continue to be paid, and this course has therefore been followed until now.

With regard to your request for the assessed value, Tls. 45,000 per mow, I am to point out that the strip of land has not been included in the area for taxation of Lot 79, and that in consequence the strip cannot be said to have an assessed value. The current assessment, as also the assessments of previous years, was made upon the property exclusive of the strip and assumed that the lot enjoyed a frontage on the Szechuen Road with a width of 30 to 35 feet.

Under all the circumstances of this case the Council is of opinion that the compensation now payable should not exceed such sum as would at 6 per cent. interest give you the same rent as has been enjoyed by your predecessors in title, viz., a sum of Tls. 2,500.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

S. A. HARDOON, Esq.

Shanghai, November 20, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 7th inst. on the subject of my application for a permit to rebuild a small portion of the frontage to the Szechuen Road of Cadastral Lot 79, and which application is refused by said letter.

This I regret; so under the circumstances I will content myself with repairing the building now on the land, as (to quote the Secretary) "the setting back of a portion of the frontage of a property is an unpleasant necessity" to a property holder, which can only be construed into an admission by the Secretary, that the setting back of a portion of a frontage is detrimental to a property, with which I agree.

I have also to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 12th inst. on the subject of my claim for the strip of Cadastral Lot 79 included in the Szechuen Road under lease to the Council for over 30 years, and note from it the Council offers me Tls. 2,500 for the surrender of the strip in question, as against my claim that it be paid for at the assessed value of Cadastral Lot 79, viz., Tls. 45,000 per mow.

I refuse, however, to accept the Council's offer, and must abide by the terms contained in my letter of September 18, the Secretary's arguments as to why my claim should not be allowed being in my opinion futile.

For instance, to say that because the strip in question has not been included in the area of the lot for taxation "it cannot be said to have an assessed value" is simply childish. The strip *must* have a value, which the Municipal Council apparently put at Tls. 2,500, but as the assessment of the lot is Tls. 45,000 per mow, it is only reasonable to conclude that had the said strip *not*

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been leased to the Council but covered by buildings, the Assessment Committee would have made no reduction in the assessment of the lot.

I am well aware that had the strip not been leased the width of the road at the south end of the lot would be only 22 feet or thereabouts, but I deny that the inclusion of that strip in the Szechuen Road in any way constitutes a betterment to the property, as the buildings, the class of tenants occupying them, and the business carried on in the shops fronting the Szechuen Road could have been equally well carried on in a 22-foot road. Any betterment there may be is to the public road, and that being public, the public must pay for it.

I am also aware that the original agreement to lease gave the Council the option of purchase *before* its expiry at the rate of Taels 6,000 per mow. The Council, however, did not exercise that option so it seems to me useless to quote it, the onus of non-purchase being on the Council.

What Mr. Hogg as agent for the late owner did has not, in my opinion, any bearing whatever on my claim, which, as before stated, I must abide by.

Yours faithfully,

S. A. HARDOON.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 14, 1914.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 20, with further reference to the portion of Lot 79 included in the Szechuen Road. In reply thereto I am directed to state that in the circumstances, the matter of the compensation, if any, payable with respect to this area, will be referred for settlement by the Land Commissioners, notice of whose next sitting will be communicated to you in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

S. A. HARDOON, Esq.

Szechuen and Kiangse Roads.—Correspondence with Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, Ld., on the subject of the surrender of the scheduled portions of Lots 77 and 77A :—

Shanghai, September 17, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—As agents of the property B.C. Lots 43 and 77, Cadastral Lot 77 Central, we are instructed by the owners to address you respecting the scheduled widenings of the Peking, Szechuen and Kiangse Roads.

In view of the property being shortly rebuilt, the owners are desirous of coming to a settlement regarding the land to be surrendered for the different road widenings.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
ATKINSON & DALLAS, LD.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 13, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of September 17 I am directed to state that the Council is prepared to pay for the scheduled strips of Lots 77 and 77A at the assessed value plus ten per cent. and less one-third for betterment. By this arrangement the compensation will be as follows :—

Lot 77A Mow 0.473 at Tls. 35,000 per mow=	16,555
Lot 77 Mow 0.040 at Tls. 30,000 per mow=	1,200
	17,755
Plus 10 per cent. =	1,775
	19,530
Less one-third for betterment =	6,510
Tls.	13,020

As regards the strip of Lot 77A required for the Peking Road, this has already been purchased by the Council and re-leased to the owner in terms of the arrangement contained in the Municipal Gazette of April 7, 1910.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. ATKINSON & DALLAS, LD.

Shanghai, November 19, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of 13th ultimo has been submitted to the owners of the property and we are instructed to state in reply that while they are willing to accept the Council's valuation of Tls. 19,530 for the strips of land required ex Cadastral Lots 77 and 77A they cannot agree to the reduction you ask for of Tls. 6,510 for betterment.

As this locality is developing into a Chinese quarter and where the widening is to be effected the new buildings will be in Chinese occupation, we would ask the Council to kindly reconsider the matter.

After consideration the owners instruct us to make the following offer without prejudice, namely to accept Tls 16,000 in settlement. If this offer is accepted the greater portion of the widening can be effected immediately, otherwise the widening may be postponed indefinitely. The Council's revenue from the taxation on this property will be largely increased by the rebuilding of the property.

The owners note the arrangement regarding the strip of Cadastral Lot 77A required for the Peking Road, which has already been purchased by the Council and re-leased.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
ATKINSON & DALLAS, LD.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 14, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of November 19, on the subject of the land required from Lots 77 and 77A, for the widening of the Szechuen and Kiangse Roads, I am directed to state that the Council is unable to appreciate your contention that betterment in this case is not applicable. I am directed therefore to reaffirm the offer contained in my letter of October 13, Tls. 13,020 for an area of Mow 0.513, and to suggest that in the event of non-acceptance, the case be referred for decision by the Land Commissioners.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Messrs. ATKINSON & DALLAS, LD.

Public School.

St. Andrew's Bursary.—The Headmaster reports that the second and third bursaries in this competition have been won by pupils of the school as follows :—

2nd bursary, value $60 by J. M. Ferguson.

3rd bursary, value $40 by W. M. MacLellan.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—Acting Sergeant J. G. Adams has been promoted to be 3rd Class Sergeant with effect from October 16.

The following Constables have been dismissed the Force :—

T. G. Coyne
E. Hunt
A. A. Laws
A. Longman

Plain Clothes Constable Quayle was transferred to the Detective Branch on December 1.

Finance Department.—Five months leave is granted to Mr. G. H. Charlton, Assistant, under medical certificate, with effect from December 18.

Secretariat.—The appointment of Mr. N. M. Harloe, Junior Clerk, is confirmed with effect from August 7.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, December 13, numbered 1019.

On Sunday next, December 20, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows :—

1. Overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai
2. Suite "Sylvia" Delibes

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3. Slavonic Dances (Nos. 1 & 3) Dvorak
4. Duet for Oboe and Clarinet Hamm
   Messrs. Plemenik & Ehmann
5. Selection "Faust" Gounod

Conductor, Professor R. BUCK.

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Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
479 482	Myburgh	Chinese	1 house & stable
			Chinese
883	Woochang, Woosung & Boone	Davies & Brooke	81 houses & 2 gatehouses
7574	Colombo & Karachi	Chinese	21 houses
1776	Chengtu	do.	7 houses
W of 4391	Moji	do.	5 houses
479 482	Myburgh	do.	22 houses & 1 gatehouse
3029	Sinza	do.	12 houses
3040	do.	Charrey & Conversy	addition to house
655	do.	Chinese	5 houses

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, December 13, 1914.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,300	Deaths among Chinese population of 520,000
Small-pox.	3	6
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	2	—
Diphtheria.	2	2
Scarlet Fever.	2	3
Tuberculosis.	0	18
Plague.	0	1
Dysentery	1	4
Total Deaths from all Causes	7	155

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for November.

Strength of the Force on November 30.

Officers	8	
Foreigners	231	
Sikhs	581	
Chinese	1,192	
		2,012
Clerical and Teaching Staff	52	
Followers	185	
		237
	Total	2,249

Larcenies in general show a slight decrease as compared with the previous month, though they are in excess of those reported in November 1913. Of 362 reports made to the Police enquiries were made with successful results on 90 occasions.

Fourteen crimes of a more or less serious nature have to be recorded. In the majority of cases the gangs concerned carried pistols and in almost every instance made use of them to intimidate.

On November 13 an armed robbery took place at exchange shop No 477 Sinza Road and $16 in cash was stolen. One of the gang was armed with a pistol.

On November 14 at 7 p.m. five Chinese, one armed with a revolver, entered pawnshop 517 Tiendong Road and stole a quantity of cash and jewellery. Three shots were fired but nobody was injured.

On November 16 at 1.30 a.m. eight men entered a house in the country off Lay Road and stole clothing value $80. The affair was not reported to the Police until 6.45 a.m. or five hours afterwards.

On November 17 seven or eight men entered a small rice shop, No. 703 Lay Road, and stole cash to the value of $28.50. One of the robbers was armed with a pistol. The proprietor, who tried to raise an alarm, was fired at and slightly wounded.

On November 18 a gang of men, some armed with knives, entered a house in the country off Yangtszepoo Road, East, and stole a quantity of miscellaneous property. Two members of this gang have since been arrested and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Warrants are out for seven others.

At 7.30 p.m., November 20, an apprentice was walking along Miller Road near Boone Road, carrying a cloth containing $15 in copper which he had just exchanged for his master. Two Chinese attacked him from behind; one of whom without any provocation shot him in the back, the bullet passing out at the right breast. The two assailants ran away but were pluckily pursued by the apprentice who raised an alarm. Finding the money too heavy the robbers dropped the bundle and made good their escape. The apprentice was assisted to Hongkew Police Station where he made his report.

At 7.50 p.m., November 22, five men armed with revolvers were reported to have entered opium shop 105 Ningpo Road and stolen opium value $400. On investigation this report seems somewhat doubtful.

On November 24 at 7.30 p.m. three men entered a diamond merchant's shop in Yunnan Road, one of them being armed with a revolver. The alarm was raised by the inmates and the robbers fled empty-handed. A Sikh watchman employed at the shop, who endeavoured to effect an arrest, was shot through the chest and left hand. He is now in hospital in a serious condition. At 8 p.m., same date, three men entered a cash shop and general store, No. 964 Markham Road, and stole $29 in cash One shot was fired in the shop and one outside where more of the gang were evidently keeping guard. Nobody was injured.

At 6.45 p.m., November 25, four men entered exchange shop No. 707 Fokien Road and stole $500 in cash. No alarm was raised by the inmates although three policemen were within hailing distance of the door. Three of the robbers were armed with revolvers. To show how apathetic the Chinese are in such matters it may be stated that one of the shop assistants in this case went out and asked a Chinese constable for the telephone number of Louza Police Station, but never even mentioned the fact that there had been a robbery committed in the shop.

On the evening of the same date two men residing in Avenue Road attended Hankow Road Theatre. Whilst returning home in ricshas they discovered that they were being followed by two other men also in ricshas On alighting near their house two shots were fired and one man was slightly wounded near the elbow. No report of this incident was made by the injured man or his friend and the affair would never have come to light had it not have been for the fact that a Chinese constable heard the shots fired and his report of the occurrence led to enquiries being made into the matter. There appears to be little doubt that this affair was instigated from political motives.

At 6.30 p.m., November 26, seven men, two armed with pistols and one with a knife, entered the residence of an opium merchant at No. 119 Pingchiao Road and stole property to the value of $200.

At 7.05 p.m., same date, four men entered No. 90 Sungkiang Road and stole cash to the value of $70. One of the shop assistants was shot through the chest; and a Chinese constable in plain clothes, who attempted to arrest one of the robbers, was shot in the legs.

At 9.15 p.m., November 28, two men, one armed with a revolver, entered cigarette shop No. 1444 Wuchow Road.

Zung Sih-kwe, a native of Soochow, was arrested by the Municipal Police on April 15, 1912, and charged with an attempted murder on Kweichow Road on March 26, 1912; with an attempted murder on Kiukiang Road on April 2, 1912; with committing armed robberies at 31 North Honan Road on February 2, 1912, at 509 Fokien Road on February 14, 1912, at 386 Kiukiang Road on April 2, 1912, and at 95 Fokien Road on the same date. On June 18, 1912, he was sentenced at the Mixed Court to imprisonment for life; handed over to the French Police on June 20, 1912, and again sentenced to imprisonment for life for offences committed in the French Concession. On October 1, 1914, he was handed over to the Military Governor on a charge of being concerned in the murder of Kin Gen-sang in an alleyway off Foochow Road on October 28, 1910. After a protracted trial he was found guilty and sentenced to death, the sentence being carried out on November 15.

Zung Sih-kwe confessed that one of his accomplices in the murder of Kin Gen-sang and in the assassination of General Dau Whe-tsang in which he also participated in the Hospital Saint Marie in the French Concession on January 15, 1912, was a man named Wong Tsau-ching. The latter was traced to Kashing on March 27, 1912, and there shot dead by a follower of

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General Dau who was detailed to avenge the death of his master by the party to which the General belonged.

Wong Tsau-ching was arrested on a charge of being in possession of fire-arms and was charged by the Municipal Police on his own confession with being a participator in the murder of Kin Gen-sang, but as he withdrew his confession when before the Mixed Court he was released by order of that tribunal on May 9, 1911.

At the Mixed Court on November 12 four ricsha coolies received sentences ranging from 5 years to 6 months These men specialised in conveying drunken foreigners in ricshas to a lonely spot and then robbing them of their jewellery and money.

On November 28 Ching San-mau was convicted of complicity in a robbery and murder which occurred on Taku Road in March last. He was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

On November 30 Sikh P.C. 88, Kishar Singh, was sentenced by H.B. M.'s Supreme Court to 5 years' imprisonment with hard labour for attempting to murder Sikh P.C. 60 on the Bubbling Well Road on September 6, 1914.

The Neumann Murder Case was concluded on December 11 when the eight men charged in connexion with the affair were found guilty of murder and were handed over to the Chinese Authorities for execution of sentence.

On November 25 Li Dzung-sung was finally dealt with by the Mixed Court for attempting to murder Chinese P.C. 1012, also a Chinese detective and his friend. The prisoner was also charged with larceny from a house in Hupeh Road on August 22, 1914 Four other robbers were also arrested from information given by the prisoner and all were charged together. Li was sentenced to death and was executed on December 12 by the Chinese Authorities. Of the four others two were discharged and two were each sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment. The Chinese detective displayed considerable courage in effecting Li's arrest, and has been suitably promoted and rewarded.

Labour Unrest.—Two Strikes which were characterised by spasmodic local disturbances and which if continued would have caused serious disorder and lawlessness both in the Settlement and in the Shanghai City, were settled during the month by mutual arrangement. The first of these was caused by the painters; the second by the masons, carpenters and woodcutters combined All demanded a substantial increase in wages, giving as their reason the ever lessening purchasing power of the copper currency in which they are paid. The masters offered an advance but it was so far removed from the figure named by the strikers that the probabilities of an agreement being arrived at were rather small, and the dispute might have continued for some time had it not been for the active intervention of the City Authorities.

The Strikes, according to reliable information, originated with groups of idle and disorderly persons connected with the trades affected. In every crowd which gathered, of which this band formed the nucleus, there was always a fair sprinkling of the old soldiers of the "Dare to Die" and "Blood and Iron" types who served under Liu Foh-tiao and Chen Chi-mei; and in view of the reported endeavours of the revolutionaries to embarrass the Government by an attempted rising, it is as well that these troubles were so speedily settled.

Traffic—Railless Cars.—Railless cars commenced running in the Fokien Road from the Yangkingpang to the Soochow Creek on November 15. They were very popular during the 12 days they were running, but were removed from the streets on November 27.

During the month four Chinese chauffeurs were prosecuted for offences against the licence conditions.

The number of accidents in which motor cars and tram cars were concerned were 41 and 31 respectively. Five accidents were reported in connexion with railless cars.

Fires.—Fifteen fires occurred during the month, 5 of which were extinguished by the Brigade and the remainder by the Police and inmates.

Identification Office.—During the month 603 prisoners' records passed through this office for identification prior to the prisoners going to Court for trial. 199 prisoners were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 227 records were received from the French Police, out of which number 1 2 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month:—

For identification	830
Identified	311
Percentage	37
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" only	5
Deportees re-arrested and charged with other offences and returning	29
Total	34

The prisoners who have been arrested during the month are classified as follows:—

336	*First offenders* (minor.)—Larcenies, assaults, etc.
68	*First offenders* (serious.)—Fraud, burglaries, robberies, etc.
60	*Second offenders.*—Not expelled.
36	*Third offenders.* do.
69	*Habitual offenders.* do. These prisoners are constantly in and out, receiving very small sentences. None have less than three previous convictions.
34	*Well-known offenders.*—These are all men with numerous convictions and are all deportees. Included in this number are 9 men who had previously been released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence.
603	Total

Sick Returns.—Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	11.03
Sikhs	12.60
Chinese	14.03
All Branches	37.66

Average daily percentage of strength Sick.

Foreigners	4.79
Sikhs	2.16
Chinese	1.18
All Branches	1.81
Average Daily Strength of Force	2,004

Return of Convict Labour for November.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 243.70
Less. Repairs to carts, sandals, etc.	69.48
Total	Tls. 174.22

Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	Tls. 1,666.34
Less. Cost of raw materials, etc.	586.98
Total	Tls. 1,079.36

Grand Total earned by Convict Labour	Tls. 1,253.58

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licences suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

K. J. McEuen,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against property:*—	
False Pretences	2
Larceny	2
2.—*Offences of a public nature:*—	
Breach of Licensing Bye-law or of Licence Conditions:—	
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc.	9
Obtaining money whilst being an undischarged bankrupt	1
Total	14

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, Hawkers, etc.		1,373	1,373
Others	41	637	678
Total	41	2,010	2,051

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Discharged	2
Fined	5
Imprisonment	2
Sent on board ship	2
Committed for trial	1
Conviction entered	1
Fined and to pay compensation	1
Total	14

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PRISONERS IN CUSTODY

on November 30.

Central Station	47
Louza Station	47
Hongkew Station	46
Harbin Road Station	12
West Hongkew Station	22
Wayside Station	19
Yangtszepoo Station	3
Sinza Station	9
Bubbling Well Station	3
Gaol	1,098
Total	1,306

VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	443	513
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	443	513

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN

October 31 and November 27, 1914.

	Dollars
Stolen	29,938.60
Recovered	9,692.90

DOGS.

At Kennels on 31/10/14	29	180
Captured	151	
Returned	29	180
Killed	130	
At Observation Kennels	1	
Remaining at Kennels	20	

Electrical Engineer's Report for October.

The result of the month's working may be considered, generally speaking, satisfactory. A feature to be noted is the continued reduction in the coal used. Compared with October last year, there is only a difference of 39 tons although 1,133,231 more units were generated. The coal per unit sold worked out, on the combined stations, at 3.22lbs. as against 4.49 in October last year, i.e., a saving of 1.27lb. of coal per unit. This does not, by any means, represent finality, lower coal consumptions may, with certitude, be looked for next year.

Units Sold.—A steady increase in the consumption of electricity for private lighting purposes will be noted from a comparison with the attached table. Comparing it with the consumption in September this year, October shews an increase of 177,538 units, whereas the heating consumption has increased from 5,635 to 14,630 units. It is remarkable how electric heating has become so popular; this winter a greater number of radiators is being let out on hire than ever before, and it seems likely that the new stock which was obtained in the autumn will be depleted before the winter is out.

With regard to power units, these are appreciably higher. In the report for September it was noted that the power units had fallen off somewhat, but recovery has been made in October, the units being more than in the previous month by 140,834.

House Service Connexions.—The extended use of electricity may be gauged by the number of house service connexions made during the month under review. No less than 366 have been connected, compared with 320 in October last year.

Motors.—In spite of the trade depression, 8 additional motors were connected to the mains, totalling altogether 258 horse power. This brings the number of motors supplied from the Council's mains up to 552 having an aggregate horse power of 7,013. The additions which will be made between October and the end of the year will bring the total horse power connected to within the region of 10,000.

Distribution.—Underground cable was laid from the new sub-station in Foochow Road to supply the French Tramway and Lighting Co., the cable joining the French Company's service in Avenue Edouard VII. Most of the underground cable under Messrs. Henley's contract is now laid. It has been tested and passed as satisfactory.

MAINS REPORT—OCTOBER.

Underground mains laid in:

Yunnan Road, Cemetery Road and Avenue Edouard VII.

911 yds. .05 sq. in. x .05 sq. in. x .05 sq. in. 3-core 6,000 volt lead covered and armoured cable.

Stonebridge Road and Yunnan Road.

501 yds. .25 sq. in. x .25 sq. in. x .25 sq. in. x .1 sq. in. 4-core low-tension lead covered and armoured cable.

1,412 yds.=0.80 miles.

Overhead Mains.

E.H.T. 3-phase mains extended
3,291 yds.=1.86 miles

H.T. Feeder extended
5,256 yds.=2.98 miles

Low-tension Distributors extended
5,756 yds.=3.27 miles

" " Distributors enlarged
370 yds.=0.21 miles

Alleyway mains extended
5,091 yds.=2.89 miles

" " enlarged
320 yds.=0.18 miles

Public Lighting mains extended
1,126 yds.=0.64 miles

Poles. New 136
Renewed 72

COMPARATIVE TABLE—OCTOBER.

	1913.	1914.
Total lamps connected (equiv. 30 watts)	393,317	476,798
Lamps connected during month	8,193	8,816
House service connexions during month	320	366
Motors—horse power, to date	4,879	7,013
Units generated	2,776,846	3,909,077
Units sold	2,419,625	3,401,237
Ratio between units generated and sold %	87.13	87.01
Private lighting	847,134	1,176,896
Public lighting	92,681	95,710
Heating	11,168	14,630
Power	934,473	1,410,313
Traction	267,987	294,280
Units accounted for	266,182	409,408
Coal tons	4,354	4,893
Coal per unit generated lb.	3.92	2.80
Coal per unit sold "	4.49	3.22
Oil gallons	190	194
Water "	309,000	398,000

Riverside.—Good progress has been made with the extension work at Riverside. At the time of writing the first turbine is completed and also the four new boilers and the pipework. It is expected that the new turbine will be in commission during this week. The load on the two generating stations has already reached about 10,600. K.W. This shews the great urgency of having the new plant in operation. It is most unfortunate that the second turbine cannot be erected for some time owing to a greater part of it having only just arrived, whilst two very important parts of the machinery cannot possibly arrive for some time, having been detained in transit from Europe.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

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Summary of Revenue for November.

Description	Estimate for 1914	1914			1913			1912		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	675,000	—	2,868.16	649,489.79	—	3,402.61	663,623.02	—	3,868.64	660,473.18
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	565,000	—	45,678.21	528,581.30	—	42,391.76	532,023.03	—	36,079.69	516,289.90
Chinese	750,000	—	54,255.00	750,786 13	—	44,093.10	716,475.39	—	58,991.11	700,398.86
WHARFAGE DUES	210,000	—	—	150,806.75	—	—	159,333.51	—	—	145,251.45
LICENCE FEES—										
Tavern	16,800	3	93.00	17,371.00	4	88.00	16,543.00	3	62.00	15,833.01
Foreign Liquor Seller	20,000	7	250.01	19,284.08	—	—	19,383.42	1	16.67	19,141.69
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	1	3.00	562 50	1	6.00	663.00	2	9.00	582.00
Chinese Club	3,200	—	—	3,175.02	2	37.50	3,145.83	—	—	2,799.99
Chinese Lodging-house	11,500	174	1,358.50	11,3 8.50	1	8.00	10,672.00	3	7.50	7,764.50
Chinese wine-shop	29,000	103	486.00	29,589.84	66	286.00	28,578.50	56	431.00	26,267.00
Tea-shop	9,500	654	778 20	8,496.50	612	774.70	8,709 60	588	746.70	8,222.00
Foreign Theatre	4,700	20	498 00	5,259.00	15	360.00	4,314.00	18	424.00	4,006.00
Chinese Theatre	9,000	23	769.00	8 284.00	22	754.00	7,960.50	24	667.00	6,594.00
Pawn-shop	19,000	—	—	15,862.43	—	—	13,741.69	2	62.62	13,901.09
Opium-shop	86,000	597	9,799.00	112,907.00	522	8,324.50	77,433.00	402	5,881.00	61,638.00
Cargo Boat	5,500	823	435 96	4,893.52	791	442.83	5,002.55	883	511.23	4,864.73
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	126	90.09	1,007.32	60	87.60	964.10	60	88 38	985.33
Launch	2,300	45	64.35	2,339.65	43	62.80	2,159.71	42	61.91	2,196.88
Chinese Boat	5,000	1.785	426.84	4,595,52	1,717	383.53	4,264.35	1,743	299 08	3,406.70
Sampan	1,200	200	142.87	1,062.77	182	133.39	1,044.00	175	129.04	932.91
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 37 C. 24	112.12	13,075.91	P. 38 C. 32	143.06	13,694.54	P. 60 C. 52	222.95	13,875.71
Livery Stable	24,000	P. 516 C. 387	1,473.40	19,366.19	P. 641 C. 523	2,001.89	22,173.99	P. 627 C. 510	1,971.14	22,341.63
Motor Car	14,000	49	354 24	16,518 60	39	301.71	12 209.56	39	307.55	9,915.89
Cart	23,500	1,267	1 938.50	24,295.50	1,274	1,910.50	21,004.50	1,047	1,598.00	17,729.00
Private-owned Ricsha	45,000	132	218.60	43,962.50	159	297.82	44,489.74	133	263 92	42,522.32
Public Ricsha	150,000	8,886	12,702.40	138,040.98	7,846	11,995.99	139,395.35	9,885	14,616.10	135,964.44
Sedan-chair	400	11	22.84	258.36	10	17.52	341.26	8	14.35	780.79
Wheel-barrow	38,500	7,155	3,581.22	37,930.60	7,331	3,668.90	34,776.92	6,338	3,172.95	31,234.02
Firearms	2,400	—	—	2,100.00	—	—	2,400.00	—	—	4,050.00
Dog	1,800	40	28.56	1,718 64	75	54.91	1,750.56	44	32.47	1,375.12
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	48,350	4,770	6,187.42	55,011.83	3,930	3,936 04	38,111 31	3,457	3,428.01	36,788.25
Town Hall	750	—	—	800.00	—	20.00	450.00	—	10.00	440.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,660	—	190.00	1,989.40	—	195.84	2,207.61	—	251 00	2,040.00
Cad. Lot 168 C.	1,400	—	—	827.52	—	—	5,055.68	—	567.50	6,032.40
" 171 C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,500.00	—	—	—
" 979 N.	750	—	6.12	421.42	—	139.88	770.71	—	—	—
" 1069 N.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,735.12	—	611.63	2,364.47
Assessed Rentals of Mun. Quarters	4,840	—	560.00	6,681.77	—	615.00	6,059.81	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	500	—	10.00	505.06	—	—	349.49	—	—	627.52
REVENUE FROM PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKINGS.										
Gas Co., Ld.	5,000	—	448.64	4,811.56	—	414.96	4,586.93	—	435.73	4,790.63
Mutual Telephone Co. Ld.	4 000	—	—	4,000.00	—	—	4 000.00	—	—	5,000.00
Electric Construction Co. Ld.	35 600	—	—	26,618.07	—	—	24,736 90	—	—	21,681.12
Electricity Department	30,255	—	—	22,691.25	—	—	19,886.25	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,872,205		145 830.25	2,747,357.78		127,350 34	2 680,720.43		135.839.87	2,561,102.53

E. L. ALLEN,

Overseer of Taxes.

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

二 所有承攬各項本局自備紙張印刷之標本或樣品亦有准攬之權

三 人員行徑定價必須用標價目錄承攬本局如是低於本局公告人人亦有權承攬

四 所有以後承攬各項之價保其適用期內本人遵承款項一俟得標後仍所有取消之權

五 本人投標時須繳保證金若未得標公司及承攬人之保證金即行退還

六 所有承攬人須知本局有權必要時增減其數目清單在此登載

清單發送之時間在下午十二時上半鐘內交出挂號信大信封內加蓋本局二等郵票方能投標

信送局之地點在西江路工部局大樓內

部局辦理之處在定海路工部局內

面寫明送標信封內須注明承攬事件及投標人姓名

凡投標人必須親自或其代理人投標

TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	GENERAL.		
1.	Supply of coal for use in the Municipal offices, Police Stations, Hospital, etc., during 1915, consisting of about 1,900 tons of Japanese House Coal. 500 tons of Anthracite.		December 24. Tenderers should quote for retail delivery where required.
	TAX OFFICE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Overseer of Taxes, 7a The Bund.		
1.	75 yards Blue Beaver Cloth No. 1 quality	—	Extended to January 21.
2.	75 „ Thin Blue Serge	—	do.
3.	30 „ Thick „	—	do.
	POLICE FORCE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
41.	100 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 1 quality.	—	Extended to January 21.
42.	50 „ „ „ „ „ 2 „	—	do.
43.	2,200 „ „ „ „ „ 3 „	—	do.
44.	400 „ „ „ „ „ 4 „	—	do.
45.	5,000 „ „ Indigo Serge.	—	do.
46.	800 „ Khaki Woollen Serge.	—	do.
47.	2,200 „ Cotton Lining.	—	do.
48.	75 pairs White Woollen Blankets, 63 x 84, 7lb. per pair.	—	do.
49.	250 „ Brown Army Blankets, 68 x 90, 10lb. per pair.	—	do.
	To be delivered on or before June 30, 1915.	—	do.
51.	Convicts' Food, in the following quantities monthly from January 1:— Rice 240 piculs Wheat 35 „ Beans, flat 30 „ „ red 30 „ For 3 or 6 months.	—	December 23. Tenders should be accompanied by samples.
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund.		
236.	Supply of stores for Tungchow Road Workshops	—	December 23.
237.	„ „ Coal and Coke	—	December 23.
238.	Construction of corrugated iron roof on Royal Asiatic Society's building.	—	December 24.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road.		
118.	17,500 Drawn Wire Metal Filament Lamps	Tls. 5	February 18, 1915
119.	Stationery	Tls. 5	January 7, 1915
120.	Hardware Sundries. Requirements for six months ending June 30, 1915.	—	December 31, 1914.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Tender No. 5.

One 4 cylinder 4 or 5 seater open touring motor-car complete with hood, etc., and with or without electric lighting.

Varalda & Co.	4 cyl. Zero	12/15 H.P.	3 seater	£350.
Scott. Harding & Co.	Humber 10	„ 4	„	Tls. 2 800
*H. S. Honigsberg & Co.	Studebaker			2,300
The Central Garage Co., Ld.	4 cyl. Buick	5	„	2,200
Max M. Engel	Hupmobile	5	„	$2 200
Markt & Co.	Ford	5	„	Tls. 1,350
W. Johnsford	4 cyl. Flanders	5	„	1,300

Tender No. 234.

About 7 tons steel beams for the Nieh Chih-kuei Public School for Chinese.

Andersen, Meyer & Co.	Tls. 1,280
*The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld.	850
P. Heath & Co.	7.30 per picul

*Accepted.

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